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(Memo for the Record)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Classification of TCS No. 4072-64, dtd 11 November 1964

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1. Early this morning I was advised by [redacted], OSA Security Staff, that several inquiries had been received concerning reference in the subject document to "the new high performance, high altitude reconnaissance aircraft" and the absence of a [redacted] System control. [redacted] noted that he had not had an opportunity to review any portion of the paper except paragraph 4a (1) (a) which stated that the aircraft is "under development by the Air Force." His initial decision was that the subject document clearly implied the existence of an operational vehicle and was, therefore, subject to [redacted] System control.

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2. I was subsequently contacted on the same matter by [redacted] Collection Guidance Staff/DDI; [redacted] Office of Security; and [redacted] Chief, Security Staff, DD/S&T. In each case I stated that in my opinion the TS, T-KH, and COMINT controls were adequate for the following reasons:

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a. The document made no reference to the high performance reconnaissance vehicle as a CIA project.

b. It made no reference to the operational characteristics of the vehicle (altitude, speed, range, vulnerability, or mission profile).

c. The document was a product of an inter-agency USIB committee and did not by implication or otherwise identify the statements as CIA originated.

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d. Paragraph 4a (1) (a) had been coordinated with [redacted] for the purpose of developing language which would permit its release at the secret level.

3. I stated that in view of the impossibility of getting a decision or recommendation from Dr. Wheelon on this matter,

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because of the press of business, I would accept personal responsibility for recommending to the Office of Security that it was the DD/S&T's position that the text of the document did not comprise sensitive CIA projects. [] said that he would take personal responsibility for recommending to DIA the release of the document in T-KH and COMINT channels. I was advised later that [] concurred 25X1A because the problem was a marginal one, and I informed [] 25X1A [] of the decision in the early afternoon.

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